

Guests from 100 Communities To See 'Battle of Lawson Field'

Tuesday D-Day For Army Week Demonstration

IN THE SPRING a young man's fancy turns to u-u-h-i, that's right, photography! Proof is shown above as Pfc. Frank Willis sights pretty Vivian Dogette, WAC private, in the camera lens. Private Willis, who is an instructor in the Communication Section, The Infantry School, favors photography for diversion, and constructed his homemade camera at a cost of fifteen dollars at the Handicraft Shop. And Vivian does make an ideal subject for a camera addict, doesn't she? She is a psychologist at the Fort Benning Station hospital and is a graduate of Louisiana State University. (Official U. S. Army Photo - The Infantry School)

TIS Shutterbugs Wandering About In Search of Beauties of Spring

With the return of warm spring weather, men in the Army are becoming camera conscious. Box Brownies, folding Kodaks, and miniature cameras are being taken out of lockers and barracks bags as Academics feel the urge to photograph about Fort Benning and adjacent areas in search of scenic beauty.

Camera Clubs are in vogue, and "Shutterbugs" are developing, printing, and enlarging snapshots of the Army's completely equipped regimental dark room.

Pvt. Sam Carchidi, a student over the dark room, instructs novices in the exciting craft of photo-printing and claims that the majority of them hadn't taken a shutter until a few weeks ago, are fast becoming amateur experts.

Results Are Excellent
During off-duty hours, Carchidi directs activities in the dark room, securing the use of film tanks, contact printer, enlarger and other equipment. Prints are made of course for beginners, even the complex processes, but the general results are excellent.

"Some men," Carchidi tells us, "take pictures with two dollar cameras while others have cameras with elaborate accessories that cost one hundred times that much."

Read Up On It

A few Academics have developed a taste for the stage and are exploring library books on the subject in order to prepare themselves for commercial photography. Carchidi is one of them and he feels that the experience that he and others are getting that cost the man with two thousand to throw away. Even the latter sum, the more fervent fans insist, is not too much to pay for the pleasure he had from amateur photography.

ACADEMIC WINS PHOTO CONTEST WITH HOME-MADE VIEW CAMERA

The current shortage of commercial cameras doesn't bother Pfc. Frank M. Willis, Academic Regiment. A former radio repairman and a camera enthusiast with a knack for designing, Pfc. Willis built his own camera from discarded radio parts, bits of wire, seasonal poplar and an old billiard table, approximately three hundred screws, and an eight-dollar lens.

Four months of spare-time work in the Benning Handicraft Shop was needed for construction of the outfit, with a total cost of approximately 15 dollars. Chief items required were a camera body, a lens, a tripod, a carrying case, and a table to be used.

The body of the view-type camera, the tripod and the carrying case, are fashioned from a fine grade of poplar selected for its strength and light weight. Metal fittings from radio parts and a double expansion bellows from a strip of pliable leather account for a saving in cost. The carrying case is lined with green felt to protect the discarded pool table.

The final test of any self-constructed article is whether it will work. Pfc. Willis has no fears on that score. The ingenious Infantry School soldier has already won first prize in two AAFO photography contests and has used the camera successfully for portraits, out-of-door work and table-top photography.

School Troops Sarge Gets Medal of Honor

Death hovered over an American platoon whose members dug desperately into a ditch on Luzon to escape the clutches of Japanese invaders. One bullet lodged in a member of the embattled group who writhed in pain. It was spotted by a platoon leader who abandoned his secure position and exposing himself to the withering fire, crawled out and dragged his buddy back to safety.

After a crew of stretcher-bearers was pinned down while trying to minister first aid to a wounded man. Discarding a wound he himself, the intrepid sergeant again went forward. A shell exploded, killing two of the aid-men and hurling jagged fragments into the platoon. Despite his needless personal injuries, he persevered and brought in another badly wounded soldier.

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Editorially Speaking

President Orders: Tighten the Belt!

"Cut Down Edible Waste" is the order of the day in Army messes all over the world and is part of the War Department's drive to help make effective President Truman's "tighten the belt" feed campaign to relieve the international food crisis.

The other way of putting the same slogan

is "more food in the stomach and less in the garbage can." This is being accomplished, according to the Quartermaster Corps, by cutting down over preparation, making the food more attractive through eye appeal, strict adherence to the quantities authorized in Army messes and studying the food preferences of soldiers at each mess. Of course, just like the housewife, the Quartermasters are finding new methods of utilizing left-overs when there are any.

Study of food preferences, according to the Quartermaster Corps, is one of the best ways in which to conserve food. As an example it has been found that when goulash and rice are served a certain number of soldiers prefer the goulash without the rice. By careful observation in such cases, the Army has learned that when goulash and rice are on the menu it is advisable to cook less rice, thereby saving thousands of pounds of this cereal. Food preferences when they have been carefully tabulated for as many men as there are in the Army will enable the Quartermaster Corps to determine the exact quantities that must be purchased to meet the needs of the Army at varying stages of its size.

The Army also has learned that proper refrigeration plays an important part in food conservation. In the "cut down the edible waste" drive to help in the food crisis Army cooks never leave anything out on the preparation tables so it can spoil. Food, except at the time it is in the course of actual preparation for meals, is kept in the refrigerator and this prevents rapid spoilage and makes it tough for the garbage men.

The Army is making a drive as part of the world food conservation campaign to exceed in 1946 all previous records it has established in reducing the amount of edible waste. One of the leading measures it is taking in this drive

is to make food more eye appealing. As every housewife knows, an attractively served meal is an aid to appetite and when served that way there is little left on the plate unconsumed.

All Army commands have received the following instructions on the conservation of food to help meet the world food crisis, the War Department announced today.

The critical level of the world's available food supply has again been forcefully brought to the attention of the public by the announcement of the President of the United States. He stressed the necessity for immediate aggressive action to conserve supply. The level of supply has already dwindled to a point in many countries, where the quantity necessary to sustain life is rapidly vanishing. Starvation in some countries is imminent, and in others, a stark reality. Action to avert a threatened world catastrophe becomes a matter of prime concern to every American. Disaster can be avoided only by the application of strict economies, full utilization of all food producing resources, and an equitable distribution of the available supply.

The Army, being the largest single consumer of food supplies, will be a very vital factor in the achievement of an effective food conservation program. To meet realistically the Army's responsibility becomes an immediate obligation of all echelons of command. The Army must: give the best possible supervision to the unit mess; maintain highest possible standards by keeping trained personnel in messes; adjust master menus to meet local consumption levels; draw only sufficient rations to mess personnel; utilize food which might otherwise spoil if kept beyond safe storage period; utilize fat rendering facilities, central meat cutting plants and pastry shops to the fullest advantage.

The Army, already under strict regulations of the Quartermaster Corps food conservation will endeavor to pass its 1945 food economics and meet every requirement of the President's program for food conservation in 1946, the War Department stated.

It's up to each one of us at Fort Benning to co-operate in this food saving campaign. Let's make it 100 per cent!

Survival In Peace

Conscription And Education

(ED. NOTE—You have helped win the United Nations victory in a war for survival. Now it's time to talk about survival in peace. This column appears to you for the sake of your opinions. Any Bennington who disagrees is entitled to explain his own views in print. Contributions must be signed and sent to the Bayonet.

As an officer candidate, I naturally have an interest in the future of the Army in which I hope to serve. I would therefore like to enter the nation-wide discussion on permanent universal training.

There have been many arguments, pro and con, presented on the subject by military leaders, Congressmen, and interested civilians. Most of these statements are concerned with the need for such a program, with very little being said as to the form it would take or the method of execution. Certainly it is obvious that America's position in the upset world of today demands great military strength for years to come.

The main argument put forth by those opposed to continued conscription is that it inter-

feres with education. This drawback could be overcome if the permanent draft Army incorporated both factors. Now that the war has ended, speed of combat training is not required. Therefore a young man on being drafted could be sent to a camp or school where his time would be divided between academic study and military training. This would not be just a military school, because the men would be truly soldiers, living under Army conditions and subject to all military control.

Such a program would, I believe, serve the twofold purpose of keeping up the military strength of the country, and lifting the educational level of the Army.

OC Bruce Henderson, 12th Co., 3d STA. T.

Extract from a AMM3's letter to his wife: "I have now been made a pretty officer which is my first step up the Navy's ladder of success. However, for the time being please speak to the neighbors as usual, and don't under any circumstances move to a larger house or buy a piano"

The battleship was in port and visitors were being shown around. The guide was exhibiting a bronze tablet on the deck.

Guide: "And here was where our gallant captain fell."

Nervous Old Lady: "Well, no wonder. I nearly tripped on the thing myself!"

The judge finished his lecture to the defendant in a divorce action saying: "I've decided to give you wife \$40 a month."

"That's swell, judge," said the ex-husband. "I'll try to slip her a couple of bucks now and then myself."

"What are you doing in the basement?" demanded the rooster.

"If it's any of your business," said the hen, "I'm laying in a supply of coal."

"Mother, where did I come from?" asked the baby ear of corn.

"The stalk brought you, dear."

"Well, I do say," said the dear little lady upon tasting her first glass of beer, "it tastes exactly like the medicine my husband has been taking the last 30 years."

Movie Star: "I'll endorse your cigarette for \$50,000."

Advertiser: "I'll see you inhaled first."

GI (on sick call): I want something to quiet my nerves.

Medic: An aspirin?

GI: No, a discharge.



IT'S A PERSONAL MATTER

By Chaplain Frank L. Waaser

Early in the war, when Malta was being bombed incessantly, its defender, General William Dobbie, gave

"I gladly give my testimony to the saving and keeping power of God in Christ. I came to know Him as my Saviour 47 years ago. . . . I have given my life to His service to the present day. He has been my Saviour and Lord. Although I have often been unfaithful to Him yet He has never let me down. I have given my life to Christ and the fact that my sins which were forgiven me when I first accepted Him as my Saviour, were blotted out once for all, and that in spite of my failures, has made me a new creature in Christ Jesus. That realization has given me a profound peace which none of the circumstances of Army life or war have been able to disturb."

General Dobbie's experience can be yours and mine. His Lord and Saviour said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

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